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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Henry Owen

Chairman, Policy Planning Council

Department of State

SUBJECT

United Arab Republic Mational Policy

Paper

- 1. Part One of the National Policy Paper on United Arab Republic has been reviewed at various stages by the Central Intelligence Agency. We have no significant disagreements with the intelligence judgments contained in the policy paper.
- 2. While I endorse those provisions in the paper which have a bearing on US intelligence activities, I have no comment to make on the broader aspects of US policy toward United Arab Republic, these being outside the competence of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Director of Central Intelligence.

(signed) W. F. Raborn

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MINISTRANGE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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- 1. Paragraph 5 recommends action by the Director; a memorandum for his signature is attached (Tab A).
- 2. The Maticaal Policy Paper on the United Areb Republic (Tab B) was prepared by the Policy Planning Council of the Department of State. Senior officers from the Mirectorate of Intelligence represented the Agency is an interagency working group formed to contribute to the production of the paper. Consultation within the Agency took piece at various stages of the paper's preparation. The Department of State has now requested formal clearance of Part One of the paper, which deals with US policy.
- 3. The attached draft of the paper has been reviewed within the Agency. This Directorate has no significant disagreements with intelligence judgments contained in the paper, and the Chairman of the Board of Entional Estimates has stated that it is substantially consistent with HIN 36.1-66 "The Prospects for the United Arab Republic," 19 May 1966. A number of corrections of economic facts, deriving from recent information and changes in the UAR's economic planning have been forwarded to the Policy Planning Council for incorporation in the final version of the paper.

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4. This paper advises that the UAR is important enough from the point of view of size, location, military, and economic strength that the US will have to take menount of it in formulating policy for the Middle Eastern area.
5. I recommend that you concur in Part One of the paper by signing the attached monorandum and forwarding it to the Chairman, Policy Planning Council, Department of State.
R. J. SMITE Deputy Director for Intelligence
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